

LOVE NOT THE WORLD

1 John 2:15-17

Test to see depth of spirituality--affection – What loves and hates....

Professing Christians in this world who have agape love toward world Jn 3:19

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1. Universe. Jn 1:10

Mankind. Jn 3:16 – 17; 1:9; 8:12; 9:5; 4:42; 1 Jn 4:14; 2:2

2. System/philosophy. 1 John 5:19

Doesn't recognize God's children: 1 John 3:1

Doesn't recognize Jesus John 1:10

Hates God's people John 15:18

Hates Jesus John 7:7

Has a spirit 1 Jn 4:1; Eph 2:2

When a person conforms to that spirit ... becomes a "worldly Christian." Of the World.

Worldliness is most greatly manifested in a person's spirit

World: invisible spiritual system opposed to God and Christ; ordered system, arrangement

Boice: *love for the world and love for the Father are incompatible.*

Don't love the system of the world--develop inner attitude of separation from philosophy of world.

If any man love the world the love of the father is not in him. Can't experience love relationship with Father and at same time be in love with system of philosophy which is diametrically opposed to Him. Matt 6:4; James 4:4;

How long halt ye between two opinions? 1 Kings 18:21

Spiritual citizenship is in heaven. Phil 3:20

1 John 2:16

1. **Lust of the Flesh.** Anything that appeals to flesh, fallen part of man... OSN.

Lust: strong desire or craving

Flesh: godless desires

Hunger-gluttony

Thirst-drunkenness

Sleep-laziness

Sex-immorality (extramarital and preamarital)

Mt 26:41 Weak

Gal 5:19-21 Works of the flesh

Rom 7:18 Nothing good about it.

Jn 6:63 Profits nothing

Phil 3:3 Don't put confidence in the flesh

Rom 13:14 Don't make provision for the flesh

2. Lust of the eyes. Pleasures that gratify sight and mind. Cravings & lusts stimulated by what is seen. Matt 6:22-23; Job 31:1; Psa 101:3; Prov 23:31

Bridges: Often has a look, harmless in itself, proved a fearful temptation.

Lust of the flesh—temptation from within

Lust of the eyes--temptation from without

Josh 7:21-22; Gen 3:6; 2 Sam 11:2; 12:14; Psa 119:37

3. Pride of life. False arrogance, pretentious pride, boastful haughtiness. Pretentiousness of life

1. Lust of the Flesh: Base desires—private

2. Lust of the eyes: False views—private

3. Pride of life: Egotism—social/public

Is not of the father but is of the world: God not originate these things & God not condone any activity in these characteristics of flesh/world.

1 John 2:17 Only thing sure-- one day gone...pass away.

No lasting satisfaction

But he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Christians who have committed their lives to obeying the Word of God will abide (remain, live on) forever.

Jim Elliot: He is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Worldliness:

1. Starts on inside

2. Destroys love relationship with Father.

3. Includes: Lust of flesh, Lust of eyes, Pride of life

4. Fleeting: A Christian in the will of God will have permanent results